

**TOWN OF SUTTON, STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
TOWN WARRANT**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Sutton in the County of Merrimack in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet at Pillsbury Memorial Hall in said Sutton on Tuesday, the 11th day of March, 2008 next at eight of the clock in the forenoon (Polls to be open from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.) to act on Articles 1, and 2. You are further notified to meet at the Pillsbury Memorial Town Hall in said Sutton on Wednesday, the 12th day of March, 2008 at seven of the clock in the evening to act upon the remaining Articles.

Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

Article 2: Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment to the Town zoning ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: to amend the floodplain ordinance as necessary to comply with requirements of the National Flood Insurance Program. **UNANIMOUS PLANNING BOARD APPROVAL**

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,100,000 (gross budget) for the construction of a new Highway Facility and Sand Shed and to authorize the issuance of not more than \$1,806,000 of bonds or notes in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Finance Act (RSA 33) and to authorize the Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes to determine the rate of interest thereon; furthermore, to authorize the withdrawal of \$294,000 from the Highway Facility Capital Reserve Fund established in 1998 for this purpose. **RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN AND THE BUDGET COMMITTEE** (2/3 majority ballot vote required)

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,758,949 which represents the operating budget shown in detail below. Said sum does not include amounts appropriated in other warrant articles.

4130 Executive	\$ 122,158
4140 Election & Registration	\$ 3,400
4150 Financial Administration	\$ 74,074
4152 Revaluation of Property	\$ 36,000
4153 Legal Expense	\$ 14,500
4155 Personnel Administration	\$ 94,211
4191 Planning Board	\$ 29,825
4192 Zoning Board	\$ 7,557
4194 General Government Buildings	\$ 34,450
4195 Cemeteries	\$ 17,500
4196 Insurance	\$ 55,575
4197 Advertising & Regional Association	\$ 1,875
4210 Police Department.....	\$ 285,700
4215 Ambulance	\$ 26,778

4220 Fire Department	\$ 35,350
4240 Building Inspection.....	\$ 6,700
4290 Emergency Management	\$ 800
4299 Dispatching Services.....	\$ 19,664
4312 Highway Department	\$ 649,650
4313 Bridges	\$ 3,000
4316 Street Lighting.	\$ 7,600
4324 Solid Waste Disposal	\$ 154,699
4411 Health Administration.....	\$ 2,400
4415 Health Agencies	\$ 4,697
4442 Direct Assistance	\$ 10,000
4443 Welfare Administration	\$ 8,395
4520 Culture & Recreation	\$ 5,113
4550 Library	\$ 16,080
4583 Patriotic Purposes	\$ 1,000
4611 Conservation Commission	\$ 3,071
4711 Principal – Long Term Bonds and Notes.....	\$ 19,204
4721 Interest – Long Term Bonds and Notes	\$ 923
4723 Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes.....	\$ 5,000
4790 Other Debt Service.....	\$ 2,000

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$225,250 to be added to various Capital Reserve Funds previously established as follows:

Accrued Benefits.....	\$ 2,500
Highway Emergency.....	\$ 2,000
Milfoil	\$ 2,500
Conservation Commission Land.....	\$ 30,000
Highway Equipment	\$ 50,000
Solid Waste Facility (Backhoe)	\$ 5,000
Forest Fire Equipment	\$ 250
Fire Equipment Replacement.....	\$ 16,500
Highway Pickup Truck	\$ 4,000
Fire Department Addition	\$ 50,000
Legal Fees	\$ 2,500
Highway Grader.....	\$ 35,000
Highway Loader.....	\$ 25,000

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Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$160,500 to upgrade blacktop town roads.

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,000 for the purpose of upgrading gravel town roads.

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000 for the replacement and installation of a computer network server and peripheral equipment and further to authorize the withdrawal of \$91.00 from the Computer Upgrade

Capital Reserve Fund established in 2000 for that purpose. The balance of \$8,909 is to be raised from general taxation.

Article 9: To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Computer Capital Reserve Fund established in 2000. Said funds, with accumulated interest to the date of withdrawal are to be transferred to the General Fund.

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,500 for the purpose of structural repairs to the Pillsbury Memorial Hall to include replacing degraded mortar and slate roofing as necessary.

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3800 for the purpose of purchasing wild fire equipment such as Nomex pants, shirts, hard hats, chain saw and protective equipment and to authorize the withdrawal of \$1,900 from the Forest Fire Equipment Fund established in 1980 for that purpose. The balance of \$1,900 is to be raised from general taxation. Further, to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend grants or other funds that are available for that purpose.

Article #12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$90,000 for design and bid phase engineering for the replacement of the Morse Loop Bridge 170/024 and to authorize the withdrawal of \$18,000 from the Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund established in 1959 for that purpose. The balance of \$72,000 is to come from the State Municipal Managed Bridge Aid Program. Further, to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, accept and expend grants or other funds that are available for that purpose. This is a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI, and shall not lapse until the project is complete or December 31, 2012, whichever is sooner. **RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN AND THE BUDGET COMMITTEE.**

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 to upgrade fire safety equipment for the Sutton Volunteer Fire Department.

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,200 for the purpose of compiling and publishing the next volume of the Town History and to authorize the withdrawal of \$4,150 from the Town History Capital Reserve Fund established in 2001 for that purpose. The balance of \$50 is to be raised from general taxation .

Article 15: To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Town History Capital Reserve Fund established in 2000. Said funds, with accumulated interest to the date of withdrawal are to be transferred to the General Fund.

Article 16: To see if the town will vote to modify the elderly exemptions from property tax, based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows:

For a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$20,000

For a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$30,000

For a person 80 years of age or older, \$100,000.

To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least 3 consecutive years, own real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least 5 (five) years. In addition, the taxpayer must have a net income of not more than \$38,000 or, if married, a combined net income of not more than \$48,000; and own net assets not in excess of \$80,000.

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,000 to be added to Highway Facility Capital Reserve Fund established in 1998.
RECOMMENDED BY THE SELECTMEN AND THE BUDGET COMMITTEE.
This article will not be necessary if Article 3 passes.

Article 18: To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 11th day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Eight.

SUTTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

William I. Curless, Chair

Philip E. Buteau, Selectman

Robert Wright, Jr., Selectman

A true copy of Warrant - Attest: